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## Gone fishin'

Happy long weekend, Metro readers! We're off Monday but we'll resume our regular publication schedule Tuesday

## Got game?

Do you have the next Settlers of Catan percolating in your brain? Get it out of your head and into the world with this most handy guide PAGES 4 & 5

## WELCOMING HEROES

**A former U.S. military member is greeted by a colour guard at Regina International Airport on Thursday. Former military members arrived in the province to join more than 100 veterans from countries including Canada, Australia and the U.K. for the Wounded Warriors Weekend annual retreat, which will run until Tuesday in the Nipawin area.** ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

# Premier Wall pumped about pipeline plan

**TransCanada.** Alberta-based corporation announces strategy for $12B oil pipeline across country

Saskatchewan's premier is clear on where he stands on TransCanada Corp.'s plan to push ahead with a major oil pipeline across most of the country.

Brad Wall is pumped.

"We need to move oil across our country and accept the fact — be proud of the fact — that we're an emerging energy power, and act like it in terms of getting oil from where we produce it to tidal water," Wall said in Saskatoon on Thursday, immediately after Alberta-based TransCanada announced that it will proceed with its long-proposed $12-billion pipeline to Quebec and New Brunswick.

"We're going to see jobs in Saskatchewan as they build these terminals to accommodate the moving of more Saskatchewan oil to the East Coast," Wall told reporters. "It means taxation directly from the pipeline, and very significantly, it means we maximize the price we get for our oil."

The Energy East plan, TransCanada officials said in Calgary, involves moving crude oil — partly through existing natural-gas lines in Saskatchewan — from Alberta to Quebec by 2017 and possibly to New Brunswick by 2018.

Pending regulatory approval, the company is aiming to send 1.1 million barrels of crude a day to eastern refineries and export terminals for shipment to the U.S. and other countries.

"It can go through the pipe, onto a tanker and get to the eastern seaboard of the United States. It can also get to the Gulf Coast of the United States.... We can get to Europe, we can get to India and we can get to Asia," Russ Girling, TransCanada's president and CEO, told a news conference.

Alex Pourbaix, president of energy and oil pipelines for TransCanada, confirmed that an oil terminal and "a relatively significant investment associated with that" is planned for construction in southeastern Saskatchewan.

Wall noted reasons for Saskatchewan's relatively low oil prices, and pointed to pipeline capacity as a factor.

"This is a non-renewable resource. We ought to optimize the value," he said.

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# Fest hopes to get patrons off the street and into theatre

**Fringe.** Organizers expect 55,000 people to visit over 10 days

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Celebrating 24 years in Saskatoon, the PotashCorp Fringe Theatre Festival is expecting roughly 55,000 guests to stop by Broadway Avenue to see their fair share of buskers, street treats and theatre performances.

This year's festival includes a total of 34 performances and organizers say 95 per cent of them are new to the festival.

Kelsey Cochrane, publicist with the Fringe Festival, said one of the goals of this year's event is to get Fringe patrons off the streets and into theatre seats, something they hope to accomplish with the introduction of street theatre performances by U of S drama students.

"Sometimes there's a bit of a disconnect, or there has been in the past, between the street festival and the indoor theatre," said Cochrane. "So, this really helps give the patrons on the street a little sample of what goes on inside the theatres and that brings the focus back on the art."

Fringe runs from Aug. 1 to Aug. 10 at various venues in the area of Broadway Avenue.

**Non-juried = unique**

**Rebecca Zakreski, festival manager, said in past years, the event saw 11,000 attending the theatre component, but they hope in 2013 that number climbs to 15,000.**

- When asked about the importance of the festival, Zakreski noted it's a chance for performers and the public to experience something new.
- "We don't control what kind of art we're getting, so artists have an opportunity to take risks that they might not in any other way," she said.

Kelsey Cochrane, left, publicist with the PotashCorp Fringe Theatre Festival, and festival manager Rebecca Zakreski pose for a photo with posters for some of the 34 fringe performances set to take the stage at this year's festival.
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# RiderGirl back with summer tour

Colleen Sutton, a.k.a. RiderGirl
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Most Saskatchewan Roughriders fans cheer for the Green and White at Mosaic Stadium or from their couches while watching their games. Colleen Sutton cheers on stage.

The Saskatchewan native and artist — based currently in Ottawa — created the one-woman show RiderGirl last year and is bringing her act back to the Prairies with a new tour. And with one firm rule:

"I never wanted the show to be on stage while the Riders had a game," Sutton said on Thursday, adding that she had refused to book shows until the CFL released its season schedule.

The 75-minute comedy show takes the thrill of fandom and meshes it with everyday life situations, so even those not into football can enjoy it. And it's based on the experiences of the 36-year-old actress cheering for the team.

"I thought maybe that is what I could explore — my own personal story of fandom and what it's meant to my life."

The Prairies tour — including stops in Manitoba and Alberta — starts at the Souris Valley Theatre Festival in Estevan this weekend. Sutton will reach Swift Current on Aug. 11, perform her first-ever show in Saskatoon in early September and hit Regina's The Artesian for three shows on the Labour Day weekend.

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# Cleveland kidnapper gets life in prison plus 1,000 years

**'I'm not a monster. I'm sick'.** Ariel Castro blames sex addiction for behaviour as court hears horrific details of women's confinement

The Cleveland, Ohio, man convicted of holding three women captive in his house for over a decade and raping them repeatedly was sentenced Thursday to life without parole plus 1,000 years.

Ariel Castro, 53, had pleaded guilty to 937 counts including aggravated murder, kidnapping, rape and assault.

Castro apologized and told the court he's addicted to pornography, but he claimed that most of the sex with the women was consensual.

"These people are trying to paint me as a monster," he said. "I'm not a monster. I'm sick."

A deal struck with prosecutors Friday spared him from a possible death sentence for beating and starving a pregnant victim until she miscarried.

The women disappeared separately from 2002 to 2004 when they were 14, 16 and 20 years old.

They escaped May 6 when one of them, Amanda Berry, broke out part of the door to Castro's house and yelled to neighbours for help.

The women described horrific conditions in the home, which Castro turned into a jury-rigged prison.

"You took 11 years of my life away, and I have got it back," Michelle Knight told Castro on Thursday. "I spent 11 years in hell. Now your hell is just beginning. I will overcome all this, but you will face hell for eternity."

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Ariel Castro, right, speaks during the sentencing phase as defence attorney Craig Weintraub watches Thursday in Cleveland. Castro was sentenced to life in prison plus 1,000 years. TONY DEJAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Funeral held for Toronto teen shot and killed by police

Mourners of slain teen Sammy Yatim raise their hands as his hearse pulls away following his funeral in Toronto on Thursday. The shooting of Yatim by police Saturday morning has sparked public outrage over police use of force. Donning a T-shirt bearing his photo and the words 9 Shots...? — a reference to the number of shots heard on recorded footage — Yatim's teenage sister urged mourners gathered at her brother's funeral to take action to ensure his death is the last of its kind. "He wasn't the first to die this way but hopefully he can be the last," she said. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Brazeau. Senator broke law filing inappropriate expenses, say RCMP

The RCMP are alleging after a preliminary investigation that Sen. Patrick Brazeau broke the law by filing inappropriate Senate expense claims, according to documents released Thursday.

RCMP Corp. Greg Horton filed a request for documents in which he alleges Brazeau committed a breach of trust, a criminal offence, in the former Conservative senator's handling of his expense accounts.

Horton said in a sworn affidavit the Mounties' investigation so far shows that Brazeau did not live in a house he claimed as his primary residence in Maniwaki, Que.

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## Italy. High court upholds Berlusconi's tax-fraud conviction, sentence

Italy's former premier Silvio Berlusconi was definitively convicted of tax fraud and sentenced to four years in prison Thursday by the nation's highest court. The tensely awaited decision was described as a historical moment by opposition politicians and puts fresh pressure on Premier Enrico Letta's fragile coalition government.

He needs the support of Berlusconi supporters and his own party to push through reforms to get Italy out of recession.

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**PLAYTESTING**

**There are three stages to poking the perimeter of a game's rules to see how they can be broken.**

**1 Solo:** The designers take the game for an early spin because "you don't want to expose people to what could end up being a mess."

**2 Group:** Once glaringly obvious wrinkles are ironed out, grant your fellow designers critical licence and set them loose on your creation.

**3 Blind:** Find some players and hand them the rulebook to figure things out.

## Publishing

**When your blind test earns more applause than furrowed brows, the next step is weighing the pros and cons of publishing vs. self-publishing.**

**"With self-publishing, you get 100 per cent creative control and 100 per cent of the profits," says Cormier. "But it's an astonishing amount of work. Self-publishing designers often find themselves spending a lot more time marketing than actual designing."**

With board game cafés popping up all across the country, it's getting easier to get your game on with people who love them as much as you do

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# You can play at this game across the board

If you spend enough time perusing Twitter bios, you're bound to come across people who list "Catan champion" alongside other accomplishments like "foodie" and "craft-beer enthusiast."

These people are among the many devotees of Settlers of Catan, a wildly popular strategy board game that's often called a "gateway drug" for people who aren't already into the hobby.

But that can't be right, can it? What are so many plugged-in people, with attention spans supposedly digitally shattered by the age of instant gratification, doing hunched over a table, whiling away the hours on something so ... so ... rustic.

"There's nothing new about people gathering to play board games," says gaming evangelist David Minken. "But it's definitely easier to find them."

The Calgary geophysicist encountered something similar when he was living in Oklahoma.

"My house was by a (Frisbee) golf course, which is something I'd never really heard of," he chuckles. "But because it was so close, I got into it. When I got back to Calgary, I found there were a bunch of courses I had no idea existed. The community was so insular.

"The same goes for board games," he adds. "You have the games you like to play and the people you like to play them with."

But that's quickly changing with the massive popularity of board-game cafés across Canada, perhaps none more successful than Toronto's Snakes and Lattes, which has played host to packed rooms and waiting lists since opening in 2010.

"I used to get frustrated with this community," Minken says. "It needs to grow. Video games used to be similar, now they're very mainstream. These cafés are the perfect opportunity."

Inspired by cafés and a weekend spent at Fallcon, an annual confab of Catan settlers and tabletop generals for which he is now an organizer, Minken aims to bring the café experience to Calgary.

"I've ordered modular shelves I can store my games in to create a portable board-game café," he says of his pop-up-shop brainchild. "So if there's a coffee shop that happens to be slow on a Sunday, we can roll everything in there and set up.

"It's not about making money. If it's seen that way, the community will reject it. Immersive games can require multiple playthroughs with people who know the rules. That's what this is about."

It's not just the gamers who are increasingly rallying together. It's the designers, too.

Vancouver-based designer Jay Cormier, who creates games with his partner Sen-Foong Lim, is part of the Game Artisans of Canada, a designer/enthusiast group whose members swap prototypes to put rulesets through their paces in an effort to polish nascent games to a publication-ready shine.

"Anybody who wants to create their own game is going to have a very high bar for what makes a quality board game," Cormier says. "And what most of them find after trying their first design is that they don't meet their own standard of quality."

Game Artisans members have similar standards, Cormier says, providing a collective critical eye detached from the emotional pull designs can have on their creators.

So if success can be found through strength in numbers, board-game culture in Canada is set to thrive.

"The clever thing video games did is build the learning curve into the design," Minken notes. "So by the end you're doing all kinds of things you weren't in the beginning."

Obviously, board games don't have that luxury. What they do bring to the table — literally and figuratively — is a community happy to walk you through the curve.

Now you know where to find them.

## Designing a prototype

**Cormier warns aspiring designers not to get swept up in the romance of seeing their vision beautifully displayed on a tabletop.**

**"You could easily end up making dozens of prototypes on your way to a finished product," he says. "So thinking that your idea deserves to be fully rendered immediately can be time-consuming."**

**Cormier and partner Sen-Foong Lim's technique is cheap and easy, using widely available clip art for graphics and common objects for tokens.**

**"Prototypes don't get to the point where they're publicly available, so we don't run afoul of any copyright laws."**

## Start

**It all starts with an idea, of course.**

**"Inspiration can come a number of ways," designer Jay Cormier says. "Sometimes it's a setting. Sometimes it's a mechanic. With Belfort, I was playing a lot of Warcraft II and thought that style would make for a great board game."**

**Game genesis can even begin with something as simple as a name.**

**"Obviously, a great title can have a huge impact on a game's success. And if that happens to come first, it can help guide you."**

**Toronto's Snakes and Lattes, the largest board-game café in Canada, opened to instant success in the summer of 2010.** STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**Games people play**

## *Taking it to the next level*

These are lists crowd-sourced from a bunch of enthusiasts, with a valuable assist from David Minken. The milestones were a little more dry, so I presented him with scenarios and asked him to offer suggestions. This is what we got back.

**I played Catan at a friend's house and loved it. What next?**
1. Ticket to Ride
2. Pandemic
3. Bohnanza

**I want a fun party game that won't offend people.**
1. Dixit.
2. Time's Up
3. Telestrations

**I want a fun party game that WILL offend people.**
1. Cards against Humanity.
2. A Question of Scruples
3. Crappy Birthday

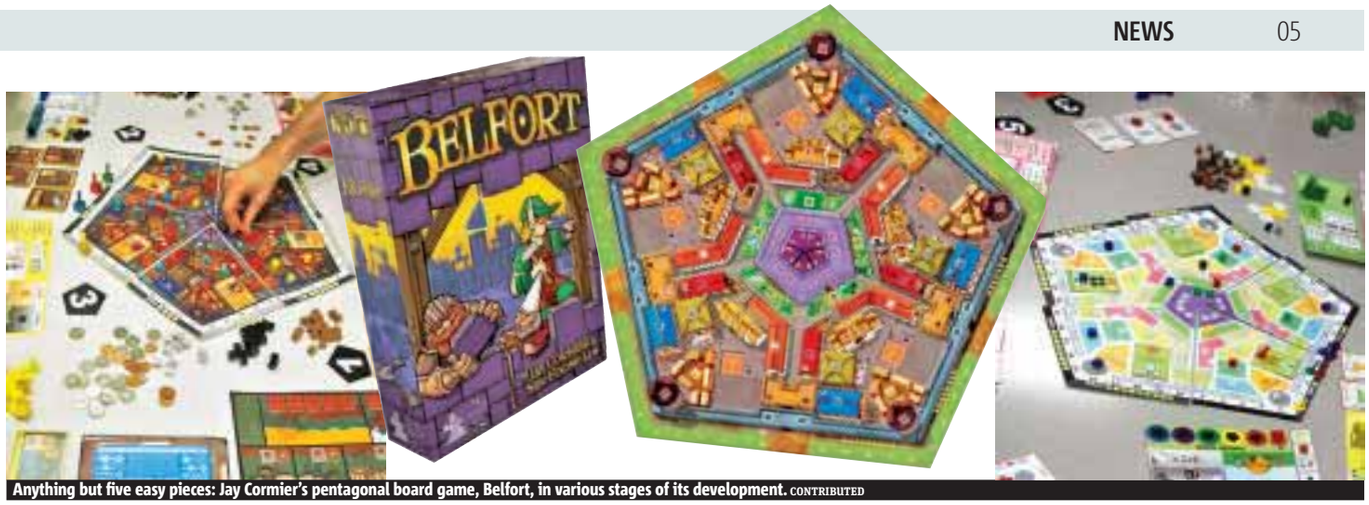
**I used to like playing Risk, but each game is too long.**
1. El Grande
2. Small World
3. Risk 2210

**What are the best card-based games?**
1. 7 Wonders
2. Hanabi
3. Dominion

**My kids have aged past Trouble and Sorry. What next?**
1. King of Tokyo
2. Forbidden Island
3. Dexterity games like Animal Upon Animal or Pitch Car

**What's a good rare or out-of-print game to browse eBay for?**
1. Roads and Boats
2. Space Hulk
3. Gulo Gulo

**What is the weirdest game you've ever played?**
1. 1000 Blank Cards
2. Tales of the Arabian Night
3. Ugg-Tect



Anything but five easy pieces: Jay Cormier's pentagonal board game, Belfort, in various stages of its development. CONTRIBUTED

# How to chute your way up the design ladder

If you've ever rallied your opponents to throw their Monopoly tax bill into the Free Parking pot, or stripped Scotland Yard's Mr. X of his black tickets, you're already on your way to becoming a board-game designer.

"Getting into game design often starts with creating house rules," says Vancouver-based designer Jay Cormier. "Finding flaws in an existing game and working to improve them."

Cormier and his partner, Sen-Foong Lim, better known in enthusiast circles as the Bamboozle Brothers, have spent years hunched over their tabletop creations as they tinkered their way to scoring publishing deals for titles like Belfort and Train of Thought.

Jay Cormier
CONTRIBUTED

Cracking the whip on house rules is merely Step 1, though. Step 2 is a little more nebulous.

"Ideas for a game can come from many places," Cormier says. "With Belfort, I was playing a lot of Warcraft II and I thought that would make a great world for a board game. Sending people into the woods to work.

"Other times you think of a mechanic you'd like to try. Or, 'Wouldn't it be cool to have a board game about underwater diving?"

The Bamboozle Brothers are both members of the Game Artisans of Canada, a gaggle of designers and enthusiasts who work together to hone new ideas into a functional game.

According to Cormier, groups like the Game Artisans are the perfect resource for aspiring designers

"Sending your baby to people who are just as critical can really improve a game."

ANDREW FIFIELD/METRO

## Finding a publisher

So a publisher it is. Where do they hang out?

"The easiest thing is a cold call, whether on a publisher's website or with an email," Cormier says.

That does sound easy.

"That's never worked for us."

Oh.

"The best place to pitch is at a convention. Publishers have their people onsite to play games and talk with designers. It's just a matter of registering and showing up with your bag of games and a few elevator pitches."

## Get funded — how to kickstart your million-dollar idea

So you have an amazing idea for the greatest board game in history.

But there's a problem: Getting startup cash. What's the simplest way to get money? Ask people for it.

It's time for Kickstarter, the world's most successful crowdfunding website. Like Indiegogo, it offers products, privileges and other thank-yous for a pledged donation.

There's big money in it. Try these figures for size: In 2012, more than $319 million was pledged to campaigns by more than 2.2 million people. That's more than $600 a minute. In all, 18,109 projects, from board games to books to movies, hit target.

Sounds like easy money, right? Wrong.

Luca Vince Caltabiano, of Montreal, is the creator of Carmarace, this week's leading Canadian tabletop game on Kickstarter. With 22 days to go, it's about halfway to its $23,000 target for production costs.

"It's a board game for one to six players and everybody's playing hitchhikers trying to get to a convention," explains Caltabiano. It's card-based and includes bikes, planes and trains, cop chases, and old ladies in the road.

Caltabiano's been hyping his game like crazy, posting on every online meeting place he can think of. It's eating a lot of his time.

"I have a newfound respect for everybody who does Kickstarter," he says. "Just setting up the campaign took about a week and the (promo) video took 80 hours to produce."

But now he just needs to hit his target. That should be easy, right? Wrong again.

Plenty of crowdfunding projects just don't go anywhere. AppsBlogger.com has estimated about half of all projects don't reach their targets.

Then there are the successful failures, like The Doom that Came to Atlantic City, a board game about an invasion of monsters.

It raised more than four times its $35,000 goal. More than 1,200 people pledged more than $122,000 in total. But last week its Portland, Ore., creators pulled the plug, citing inexperience, technical problems and ego clashes. The "hope" is to refund everyone fully. Lots of people are angry.

But when Kickstarter's good, it's very good. Bones was a project by Reaper Miniatures of Denton, Texas, offering miniature figures for role-playing games. It had a target of $30,000 but closed in August 2012 after raising $3,429,235 from more than 17,000 people.

The millions are there. All you need is an idea. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

## Contract negotiations

Congratulations! All your hard work and convention hustle has paid off. Now it's time to get down to brass tacks and carve out your piece of the pie. You would be wise not to overlook an area that's recently become hugely important, courtesy of what's likely in your pocket right now.

"One thing that's getting more important is digital rights, especially apps," says Cormier. "We're working with (German publisher) Queen and we negotiated hard for the digital rights, because this game is particularly suited for an app."

## Finish

Enjoy the riches! Well, not quite. There are certainly success stories to be found, but many designers are hobbyists holding down day jobs to keep the wolf from the door — which isn't a bad title for a game.

"The only way to make game design an occupation is to either have a bunch of games out there or score with something evergreen," says Cormier. "A game like Settlers of Catan or Pandemic that somebody, somewhere is always buying."

But Belfort is holding its own. Cormier and Lim have deals in Germany and Poland, a third printing has been released in North America, and a Kickstarter-funded expansion is on the way.

# Russian vodka boycott. Should pro-gay brand be included in global ban?

An empty space on a liquor shelf where Russian vodka used to be. Many gay bars across North America have joined a campaign to stop selling Russian vodka due to anti-gay laws in Russia. SCOTT EISEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's being poured down bar sinks around the world to protest Russia's draconian laws against the LGBT community, but Stolichnaya vodka will be served at the Kinky Pride Party in Vancouver after the city's Pride parade Sunday night.

Event organizer Reive Doig of the Noir Fetish Ball was supportive when he first heard of the boycott, which was originally proposed by U.S. columnist Dan Savage to pressure Russia to change its "gay propaganda" legislation before the 2014 Sochi Olympics. Saskatoon bar 302 Lounge and Discothèque has joined the boycott.

But when Doig read about Stoli's support of the LGBT community in places such as South Africa, he decided the boycott unfairly hurt a company trying to help. "Stoli has worked with the gay community. They're trying to make a difference where they can and it just seems wrong to me," he said. "They deserve not to be tarred with the same brush."

Stoli's parent company SPI Group has issued a statement pledging its "fervent" support of the LGBT community and calling the Russian government's actions "dreadful."

EMILY JACKSON/METRO IN VANCOUVER

Publishing

## U.S. army stores drop skin mags over poor sales

Playboy, Penthouse and other sex-themed magazines will no longer be sold at U.S. army and air-force exchanges — a move the stores' operators say was due to falling sales. The 48 "adult sophisticate" magazines being dropped are among 891 periodicals that will no longer be offered at the stores. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Anti-gay law to apply at Olympics: Minister

**Russia.** Activism could earn foreigners fines up to 100,000 rubles, 15 days in prison, deportation and denial of re-entry

Russia will enforce a new law cracking down on gay-rights activism when it hosts the 2014 Olympics in Sochi, the country's sports minister said Thursday, contradicting assurances to the contrary from the International Olympic Committee.

Russia's contentious law was signed by President Vladimir Putin in late June, imposing fines on individuals accused of spreading "propaganda of nontraditional sexual relations" to minors, and even proposing penalties for those who express these views online or in the news media. Gay-pride rallies also are banned.

"An athlete of nontraditional sexual orientation isn't banned from coming to Sochi," Vitaly Mutko said in an interview with R-Sport, a state sports newswire. "But if he goes out into the streets and starts to propagandize, then of course he will be held accountable."

Mutko emphasized that the law wasn't designed to punish anyone for being gay or lesbian. But, Mutko said, athletes would be punished for propaganda, a word that remains ambiguous under the new law.

Instead of a boycott of the Olympics, athletes have made individual gestures and called for protests, such as a pride parade, to be held during the Games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An Israeli youth holds a sign criticizing Russian President Vladimir Putin as she participates in the annual gay pride parade in Jerusalem, Thursday. Russia will enforce a new law cracking down on gay-rights activism during the Olympics in Sochi next year, the country's sports minister said Thursday. SEBASTIAN SCHEINER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Hateful'

## *Canada responds*

Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird denounced Russia's controversial new anti-gay law as hateful.

In an interview, Baird says Canada has worked behind the scenes to persuade Russia not to follow through with the law. He outlined the details of eight meetings in which officials pushed the issue.

"As concerned as we are about the Olympics, that's nothing. That's two, three, four weeks for the athletes and participants and the visitors," Baird said from Colombia. "This mean-spirited and hateful law will affect all Russians 365 days of the year, every year. It is an incitement to intolerance, which breeds hate. And intolerance and hate breed violence." CP

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# Snowden walks free in Russia

Defying the U.S., Russia granted Edward Snowden temporary asylum on Thursday, allowing the National Security Agency leaker to slip out of the Moscow airport, where he's been holed up for weeks in hopes of evading espionage charges back home.

Snowden now has plenty of room to roam and continue the bizarre journey that has stretched across half the planet — from Hawaii to Hong Kong to the Russian capital.

Russia appears to have reckoned ending Snowden's airport limbo was worth intensifying a political standoff with the U.S. The White House warned the decision could derail an upcoming summit between the countries' leaders.

The move places a significant strain on already corroded relations with Washington. Putin has been increasingly resentful of U.S. criticism and "meddling." The decision gives Russia cover to depict itself as a defender of human rights, pointing a finger to deflect criticism of its own poor record and tough crackdown on dissent.

Snowden himself made that argument. In a statement from WikiLeaks, Snowden was quoted as saying "over the past eight weeks we have seen the Obama administration show no respect for international or domestic law, but in the end the law is winning.

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Lawyer Anatoly Kucherena shows a temporary document allowing Edward Snowden to enter Russia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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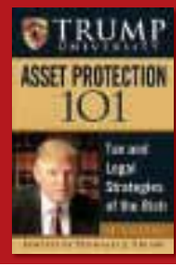


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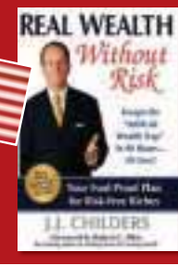


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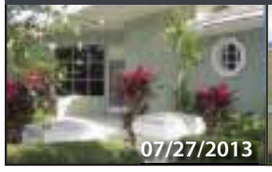


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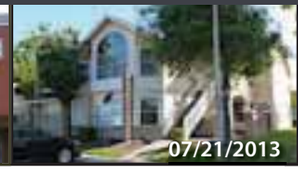


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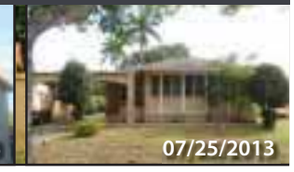


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# ESPIONAGE OK, BUT CAN'T BE GAY

THE METRO LIST

**Paul Sullivan**
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**1 Apocalypse sooner than you think.** Researchers from the University of Victoria figure a runaway greenhouse effect will cause the Earth's oceans to boil a lot sooner than expected — as early as half a billion years from now instead of the originally projected 1.1 billion. Before you get lulled into a false sense of complacency, another study says 1,700 U.S. coastal cities will be under water by 2100. Cancel my calls!

**2 A gift for his adoring fans.** Justin Bieber was let loose in Toronto this week and took some time out to allegedly spit on his fans. That is, there are photos of him spitting from his hotel balcony, photos of the adoring fans down below, but no money shot. For the record: Bieber's spokesperson denies he spit on anyone on that day. Job of the week: Justin Bieber's spokesperson.

**3 And in other news, Justin.** The leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, Justin Trudeau, decides it's time to call for the legalization of marijuana. Is this a calculated gamble to appeal to a younger generation of voters? At least he didn't spit on anyone. Expectations are getting pretty low out there.

**4 What a guy.** As far as Pope Francis is concerned, it's OK to be gay ("Who am I to judge?"). But there's a catch: You can't actually have gay sex. Ever. Just in case you had any ideas. And while we're at it, no female priests either. You can only take this "progressive" stuff so far, and we're all the way up to the 18th century now.

**5 From Russia; where's the love?** After spending a month in the Moscow airport, Edward Snowden, the guy who revealed that the U.S. National Security Agency monitors everything, all the time, was granted temporary asylum by the Russians. Good thing he's not gay — the homophobic state would have put him in jail for a real crime.

**6 Hey there, Georgie Boy.** Despite all of the above, the newest heir to the British throne, George Alexander Louis, is now almost two weeks old. But it's not likely he'll ever wear the crown. Grandfather Charles is next up, then father William, but the way QE2 is going, she'll outlive them all!

**7 Fortuitous book launch.** If you think dating is difficult, try this one on for size. In an effort to find the woman of his dreams, a man from Australia wrote a 99-page dating guide called The Cock Manifesto. Despite the title, it's not just a phallic reference, but includes everything from his dislike for "players," to explicit requests for photos of the potential girlfriend's nether regions. Carlos Danger, a.k.a. Anthony Weiner, may have met his match.

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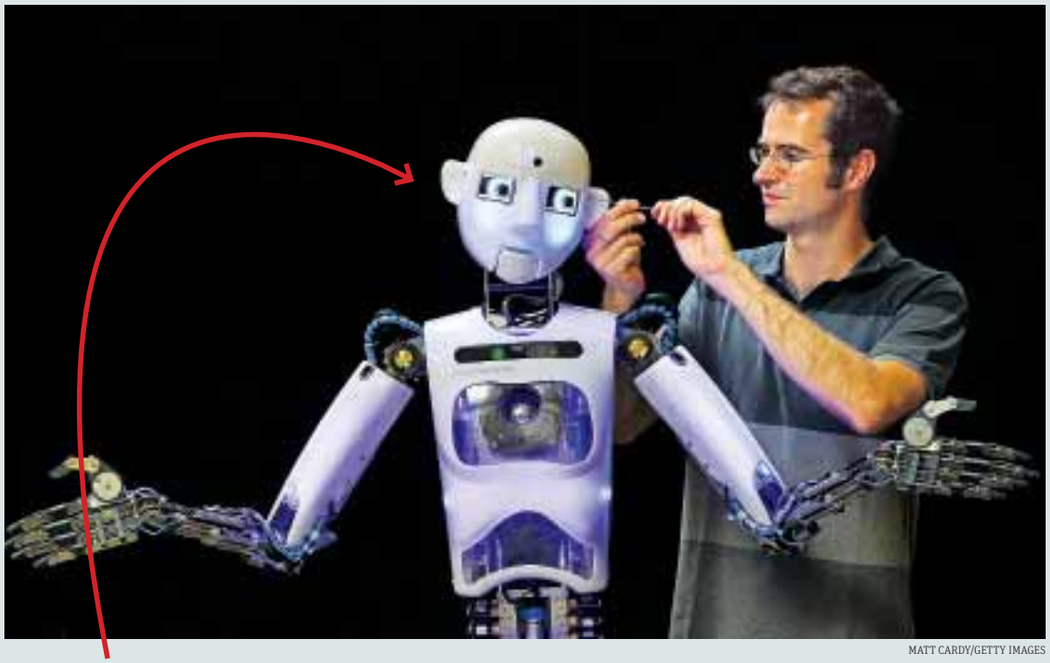

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### Meet the android that imitates us

An engineer provides the final touches to a nearly completed RoboThespian robot at the Engineered Arts factory in the town of Penryn, England. The firm is the world's only maker of commercially available life-sized humanoid robots. The interactive android is sold worldwide to visitor attractions and universities.

The company dismissed concerns about its humanoid robots setting out to destroy humans as in I, Robot, the book by Isaac Asimov and the movie starring Will Smith. "Our robots are for entertainment; they don't desire to take over the world," said Gill Spencer, administrator at Engineered Arts. METRO

**Company's viewpoint**

> "The robot is designed to imitate our movements and expressions. And it's multilingual, too, fluent in more than 20 languages. People are fascinated by them."
>
> Gill Spencer, administrator at Engineered Arts

**Cost and uses of bot**

- $83,600 US is how much one RoboThespian android costs, and it's for sale to the public.
- RoboThespian (meaning "robot actor") is used in live stage shows — popular in South Korea.

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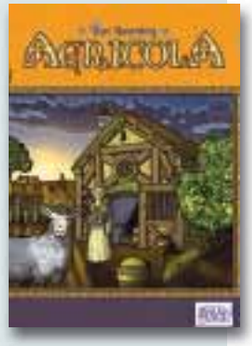
**In honour of today's board games feature, we're going to give a little love to board games that have gone on to second lives as mobile apps.**



### Ticket to Ride

**Outwit and stymie your opponents as everyone rushes to claim train routes across North America. Drawing route cards adds a nice risk-reward component to the game, but nothing is as fun as derailing the best-laid plans of your opponents. (iPad/$6.99)**

### Agricola

**Best described as a mix between farming and family planning, Agricola removes the luck typically associated with board games and instead forces you to rely purely on strategy. Learning the ropes can be a little dense, but it's the game's depth that rewards the players. (iOS/$6.99)**

### Scotland Yard

**Take on the role of either master criminal Mr. X or the detectives tasked with chasing him through London. The board game has achieved well-deserved cult status, but the lousy AI can sometimes hold the digital version back. (iOS/$5.99)**

**Letters**

**RE: Feds To Spend Less On Science, Tech, Finds Statistics Canada, published online July 30**

The better debate is whether or not the government should spend taxpayers' money on innovation initiatives.

The government is less prudent with every dollar spent than the private sector because the government inherently assumes less risk. Failed government initiatives decrease taxpayers' standard of living because they indirectly pick up the bill.

Besides, the companies that receive science and technology funds are based on arbitrary criteria set by policy makers.

This gives an unfair competitive advantage to certain companies in the industry. The better solution is to tax science and technology companies less rather than redistributing dollars after the fact, which is not very efficient, or provide better tax credits. Both are indiscriminate solutions.

It is best that the government get out of the innovation business before they find themselves in a gassy scandal.

**Wojciech Kapera**
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**Synopsis**

This weekend Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg team up in the action comedy 2 Guns. They play a DEA agent and an undercover Naval Intelligence officer, respectively, on the run after an investigation into a drug cartel goes wrong. It's the first time the two superstars have appeared together on-screen, but both have played characters like this in the past. This week the Reel Guys are rifling through their Blu Rays, DVDs, Laser-Discs and video cassettes to uncover the best and perhaps lesser known work of the actors we like to call Washingberg.

Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg both have pretty good track records when it comes to acting. CONTRIBUTED

**Reel Guys**

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

# We love Washingberg

**Roles review.** With 2 Guns hitting theatres this weekend, the Reel Guys remember their fave Denzel and Marky Mark movies

**Richard:** Mark, Washington has played his share of attorneys and policemen over the years, but he has never been afraid to try new things, as he did in 1993's Much Ado About Nothing. In this all-star adaptation of Shakespeare's most famous romantic comedy, he plays the powerful Don Pedro of Aragon. The movie took hits for its miscasting of Keanu Reeves and Michael Keaton in key roles, but Washington was praised for his work. Do you have a favourite Denzel performance?

**Mark:** Richard, where to start? I've never seen a bad Denzel performance. Never. It's one thing to make Shakespeare come alive onscreen, but he can even make a turkey like The Book of Eli worth watching. Was he fantastic as Malcolm X? Yes. As the private eye in Devil In A Blue Dress? Of course. How about the plotless Flight from last year? He's the whole movie. A thriller like The Taking of Pelham 1-2-3? Nobody plays ordinary like this extraordinary actor. But if you're forcing me to name my favourite Denzel role, it would have to be as the crooked cop in Training Day. I just love it when good guys play bad.

**RC:** He's not afraid to explore the dark side of his characters and it is not a guarantee that he will be alive by the time the end credits roll. That's a comment on an actor who brings some much welcome moral ambiguity to his roles. Similarly Wahlberg is an actor who likes to shake things up. In the last calendar year we've seen him do outrageous comedy in Ted, playing stupid in Pain and Gain and a revenge happy ex-cop in Broken City. Like Washington, the only thing that connects all the performances is the actor's charisma.

**MB:** Y-y-y-yes, but you can't quite put them in the same league. I thought Wahlberg was excellent in his last two movies, Pain and Gain, and the underrated Broken City. He was OK in Ted, but really, it's weird for an actor to get upstaged by a teddy bear. If I'm looking for a definitive Wahlberg performance, it would have to be his work in The Departed.

**RC:** The Departed is great and may be his best performance to date if only because he rivals Samuel L. Jackson's ability with swear words in almost every sentence.

**MB:** And back to Pain and Gain. A director should make his actors look good, but it's to Wahlberg's credit that he makes his director, Michael Bay, look good. No small achievement.

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Action/Comedy

## 2 Guns

**Director.** Baltasar Kormakur

**Stars.** Denzel Washington, Mark Wahlberg

2 Guns, a new action comedy, is what's called a refrigerator movie. It seems to add up while you're watching it, but later, when you're at home in front of the fridge looking for a snack and thinking back, you realize that it didn't make any sense. Not that it matters when you have Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg as a DEA agent and an undercover Naval Intelligence officer on the run after an investigation into a drug cartel goes wrong. They have charisma to burn and good chemistry.

RICHARD CROUSE

# Dane Cook on Planes' finer points

**Dissecting a kids' film.** Why are there crops and passenger planes in a vehicular world, Mr. Cook?

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Disney's new animated feature, Planes, extends the universe introduced in Cars and Cars 2, but in watching the film we were left with a fair number of logistical questions. So we turned to the film's star, Dane Cook, to address some of our more pressing quandaries. "I don't know if you're supposed to think about it as deeply as this," he cautioned, but he was a good sport about it anyway.

Dane Cook is the voice of Dusty Crophopper in Planes, which opens next week. CONTRIBUTED

**You play a cropduster in the film. Who are the crops for?**
That is, um … it's for esthetics. Because (the town of) Propwash Junction, it needs to have a dynamic look to it. Those crops just make it on the fringe.

**The film features some giant passenger jets. What are they doing? Who are they carrying?**
Maybe there's very small planes that are travelling inside of them. Maybe there are remote-controlled planes, the little toy kind. They can't fly over the ocean, they're battery operated.

**If cars and planes exist in the same world, why aren't the bigger, faster, stronger planes the dominant species and ruling over the cars?**
I think planes are pretty passive, and I think they enjoy their car brethren, as we can say. They're a peaceful mechanical piece of engineering.

**The term "engine failure" comes up. Wouldn't that just mean that a plane is dead?**
That would probably mean that particular plane is maybe having a cramp. I would say that sometimes when I'm jogging I say, "Oh, I'm having a bit of engine failure." And then I usually have to stop and get some water.

**Where is a plane's sense of self? And how many parts can you change out before it's just a completely new plane?**
It's like humans. You can go in and you can have a kidney removed, you can now have heart valves or pacemakers put in. It's kind of the same thing.

**The Second World War is mentioned in one character's back-story. So is there a vehicular Hitler in the Cars universe, and if so what kind of vehicle was he?**
That might be a spin-off. You're onto something. I think if enough people start blogging about this, then Disney would have to answer the call (laughs). I hadn't thought about that one. I'd thought of the other ones, but that's good. In my whole career, that will be the most obtuse, wild question.


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# As series wraps, star reflects on 'greatest character of my career'

Actors Bryan Cranston and Aaron Paul speak onstage during the Breaking Bad panel discussion. GETTY IMAGES

**Breaking Bad.** Cast, creator gather to talk final eight episodes and great series moments

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As we prepare to say goodbye to Breaking Bad, the cast and creator Vince Gilligan gathered in New York on Tuesday for a TimesTalk panel discussion with New York Times reporter Dave Itzkoff.

The event, which was livestreamed on the Times' website, featured Bryan Cranston, Anna Gunn, Aaron Paul, Dean Norris, Betsy Brandt, RJ Mitte and Bob Odenkirk, in addition to Gilligan. It covered everything from the emergence of the characters to the last days of Walter White et al.

As the series winds down, with the first of eight final episodes airing Aug. 11 on AMC, Gilligan told audiences that ending now was the right decision.

"Every story has its beginning, middle and end," he said. "This (show) was not designed to go on forever. It needed to end."

The panellists were tight-lipped on the final eight episodes, only saying that the third-from-last episode "is gonna knock your f—ing socks off," as Gilligan told it. They did, however, share insight into their characters with audience members and reveal behind-the-scenes tidbits about some of the series' most popular moments.

Cranston, who has won three consecutive Emmys for his role as Walter White (and is nominated for a fourth this year), told audience members that he wanted to "lift my leg up and spray (Gilligan) with my scent" when he read the pilot because he was so interested in getting the role. He had appeared on episodes of The X-Files that Gilligan had written as a similar character — a villain that somehow audience members sympathized with. Playing that role, Gilligan said, convinced executives that Cranston was fit to be Walter White.

Cranston called the role "the greatest character of my career," saying that he doesn't think he'll have the chance to become a character "so rich, deep, varied" again. "The spectrum of emotions that Walter White can justifiably play are uncanny," he said. "It's a playground for an actor and I'm so grateful for it."

Gunn, who plays Walt's long-suffering wife Skyler, offered a look into the mind of her character. She noted the challenge Gilligan faced in writing a "very, very smart woman" who at the same time was unaware of her husband's shady practices for quite awhile.

"The quality that she shares with Walt that makes it so interesting is her intellect is, I think as sharp as his, and it's also her downfall as a human being," Gunn said. "She thinks that that intellect can fix everything. She thinks she can control this uncontrollable situation. … And yet everything she does actually makes things worse and gets her in deeper, and finally she realizes that she's actually backed so far into a corner that she has nowhere to move.

"She really does become a prisoner in her own home, and the feeling I have is that the only thing playing over and over and over in her mind was, 'How do I get my kids to safety? How do I keep my kids safe?'"

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## Game of Thrones. Life-sized dragon skull promotes TV series

If the Game of Thrones series had a sigil, it would probably be a dragon. The creatures have helped those in power rule the kingdoms of Westeros, and the citizens live in fear of the fire-breathing beasts.

To celebrate the third season of Game of Thrones airing on video-on-demand service Blinkbox, the company set out to make a dragon skull and put it on a beach in Dorset, England, which is known for its dinosaur fossils. We spoke to Ben Ayers, the head of PR for Blinkbox, about the project.

**Why did you guys decide to promote Game of Thrones with a dragon skull?**
The dramatic work was inspired by a memorable scene in Game of Thrones which sees character Arya Stark (Maisie Williams) discover a dragon skull in the dungeons of King's Landing, the capital of the Seven Kingdoms. At this point in George RR Martin's fantasy, the dragons are supposedly long dead, but it hints strongly at their return, which is a developing theme in the story.

As Game of Thrones is easily the most talked about TV show of the moment and we have it before rival services and months before it's available on DVD or Blu-ray, we wanted to mark its arrival on Blinkbox with a dramatic spectacle. We couldn't think of anything more dramatic than installing a skull the size of a bus on a beach and waiting to see the reaction.

**Since Dorset is famous for dinosaur fossils, did anyone actually think it was real?**
Most people know that dragons are mythical. It was appreciated more as a work of art than anything real. We never set out to fool people into thinking this was proof that dragons once existed!

**What are some of the reactions you've received? Did everyone know it was connected to Game of Thrones?**
We made sure that it was clear that this was linked to Blinkbox and Game of Thrones in all our communications. We even went so far as to create a sand castle with a Blinkbox flag which has appeared in a lot of pictures and which anchored the activity to the service.

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Justin Bieber

# Bieber won't see hit-and-run charges

Finally, some good legal news for Justin Bieber.

The Los Angeles district attorney's office has decided not to file hit-and-run charges against the singer in connection to an alleged run-in with a photographer last month, stating that there is no way to prove Bieber fled the scene intentionally, according to E! News.

"The Ferrari's engine is loud. The impact was minor and, given the chaotic scene and stress of the situation, it is likely that Bieber did not know he had hit (the photographer)," a spokesperson for the department says.

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

**The Word**

## *Remember that episode when Stephanie Tanner did meth? Well, it's a two-parter*

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How rude! That's probably what Jodi Sweetin (a.k.a. Stephanie Tanner) is saying to all the nosy journos going around writing that she's in rehab again. If you didn't know, former child stars try to use their characters' key catchphrases as often as possible — it helps people to remember that they were once pretty famous and that the mess they've since made of their adult lives is whatever.

Jokes aside, the story of Sweetin's life post-Full House actually is a sad one. While the Olsen twins went on to rule the world from behind hundreds of layers of draped clothing and giant Starbucks cups, and Candace Cameron went on to find God, Sweetin (formerly the most adorable cast member of Full House and that includes Uncle Jesse) went on to become a meth addict and a three-time divorcée. But she cleaned up her act, admirably, and seemed to be on the right track, working as a counsellor at a rehab facility.

Which is why it really is pretty rude that she's now battling rumours (she's claiming they are 100 per cent unfounded) that she, herself, is back on meth and back in rehab. Give the girl a break, you guys — the only cast member who fared worse after Full House called it quits is Uncle Joey. That guy was the worst.

Harry Styles. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

# You and me baby ain't nothing but mammals ... so answer the question

Harry Styles reveals some startling details about his sexual history in a candid interview with the British edition of GQ magazine, buckling under the interviewer's questions about how many people the One Direction star has slept with.

"It's definitely less than 100," Styles offers. "I'm not doing this! You're cornering me!"

But he finally gives in, offering these details.

"Two people. I've only ever had sex with two people. That's my answer. Read from it what you will."

And if that's not enough candor for one day, Styles addresses rumours that he's bisexual.

"Bisexual? Me? I don't think so," he says. "I'm pretty sure I'm not."

Lindsay Lohan

# Rehab centre recommends therapy for Lohan

Lindsay Lohan may have finished her 90-day stay in rehab, but her recent hosts don't think she's quite done yet.

The board of the Cliffside Malibu Treatment Center have written a letter to the judge overseeing Lohan's case stating that she requires court-ordered therapy as well, according to TMZ.

"We feel that it is critical that Ms. Lohan have court-ordered therapy, specifically three 50-minute sessions a week for the next 18 months," the letter reads. "Our entire clinical team is in unanimous agreement that if these sessions are not required by the court and attendance not verified once a month to ensure accountability, it is a setup for almost certain failure."

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The Rotary Club of Saskatoon Nutana is proud to present Saskatoon Ribfest being held August 2-5 at Diefenbaker Park. Ribfest will offer four days of delicious ribs barbecued by some of Canada's top ribbers, plus live entertainment, a kids' fun area, food and craft vendors, beer garden, 50/50 draw and more!
Hours of operation will be:
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Admission and entertainment are free.
Ribfest is organized by the Rotary Club of Saskatoon Nutana in partnership with the Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Saskatoon and the Saskatchewan Barbecue Association.
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Visit www.saskatoonribfest.com for more information.

Liquid Assets

## Modern port revolution

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When I mentioned port last week, I got to thinking how the boozy wonder has been pigeonholed as a cold weather, after dinner bevy. While the majority of port styles are just too heavy for summer, there are two versions that meet the heat head-on.

White port is produced by most houses. Made to be chilled, it runs the flavour profiles of dry to sweet. The sweeter versions are the base of a popular summer mixer in Portugal's region of Porto.

Trouble is, port being white is so foreign to Canadians that you'll have trouble finding one at your local liquor store.

Croft has been fortifying juice since 1588. You'd think that would make it one of the stodgiest, old school wine makers in Portugal. Nope. It's led the modern port revolution: inject some fun and versatility into the category.

The rosé-esque Croft Pink Port ($16.55 - $19.99) is more at home in an ice bucket than at a snooty men's club. Layered with berry goodness, it's the foundation of more than a dozen refreshing cocktails that can all be found at croftpink.com. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

This Pavlova serves six to eight people. ©ROBERT WIGINGTON

# It's more than maple syrup and back bacon

**Food Day Canada.**
Support local farmers this long weekend

It's been a decade since food crusader Anita Stewart encouraged Canadians to support farmers in the wake of the mad cow crisis threatening their livelihood by launching the World's Longest Barbecue.

Stewart's event has morphed into Food Day Canada, a day in which chefs and home cooks across the country can applaud Canada's bounty.

Not only are people encouraged to create their own spread from produce purchased at farmers markets, but they are also able to dine at any of the about 275 restaurants from across the country that are participating this Saturday with menus featuring uniquely Canadian ingredients.

Stewart hopes people will post their menus and describe their plans at fooddaycanada.ca. There are plenty of recipes there too for inspiration.

An interactive map includes the locations of farmers markets and Food Day restaurants across the country "so it should be a guide of how to eat Canadian," she explains. The idea is "you can go and buy your good stuff here and here are the restaurants where you too can go and eat."

Here, Stewart shares her recipe for Pavlova, which features fresh local fruit.

**1.** Lightly butter baking sheet and line with parchment. Beat egg whites till stiff enough to hold soft peaks. Slowly beat in the sugar, few spoonfuls at a time. This will take 2 to 3 minutes. The resulting meringue will be shiny and soft. Sift the cornstarch over it and lightly fold it in with the vinegar.

**2.** Drop meringue onto centre of the prepared pan. With a spatula spread it to an 8-inch (20 cm) circle, smoothing the top and the sides. Bake in a preheated 250 F (120 C) oven for 1 hour and 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and allow to cool on the pan. Store in an airtight container or use immediately.

**3.** To fill, whip the cream with the sugar until stiff. Invert the Pavlova onto a serving dish. The smooth bottom becomes the top of the dessert. Spoon the whipped cream over the entire surface. Arrange the fresh fruit on top. Serve immediately. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ RECIPE ADAPTED FROM ANITA STEWART'S CANADA: THE FOOD, THE RECIPES, THE STORIES (HARPER COLLINS CANADA)**

**Ingredients**

- 4 egg whites, at room temperature
- 1 cup (250 ml) superfine sugar
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) cornstarch
- 2 tsps (10 ml) white vinegar

**Filling**

- 1 cup (250 ml) heavy cream 35%
- 2 tsps (10 ml) superfine sugar
- Fresh fruit, as needed
- Bergamot blossoms as garnish (optional)

# The best of Alberta in braised ribs

**1.** Into saucepan with high sides, heat wine over med heat. Using long match, set fumes at edge of pan alight (immediately step back and avert face). Let flames die then increase heat so wine boils. Let cook down by half. Remove from heat.

**2.** Centre rack in oven and heat to 350 F. Place pappadum on oven rack and bake until bubbles appear on surface and pappadum starts to brown, 5 mins. Remove from oven; set aside.

**3.** In dutch oven big enough to hold 6 ribs, heat oil over med-high heat. Season ribs with salt and pepper. When oil is hot, slip ribs into dutch oven and sear 5 mins. on each side. Move to plate. Remove all but 15 ml (1 tbsp) of fat from dutch oven.

**4.** Chop carrots, celery and leek into 2.5-cm (1-inch) pieces. Reduce heat to med and toss in veg and herbs. Brown veggies 7 mins., then stir in tomato paste and cook 1 min. to blend.

**5.** Deglaze with wine, stirring up browned bits, and add ribs and stock to dutch oven. Bring to boil. Cover it tightly and slide into oven to braise 2 1/2 hours or until ribs tender enough to be pierced with a fork. Every 30 minutes or so, lift lid, skim and discard whatever fat may have bubbled to surface.

**6.** Transfer meat to heated serving platter with lip and keep warm. Boil pan liquid until it thickens and reduces to about 1 l (4 cups). Season with salt and white pepper and pass through a fine-mesh strainer into a bowl. Discard solids.

**7.** Serve with mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables. Drizzle sauce over meat. Garnish with pappadum. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/EAT PRAY LOVE: REGIONALLY INSPIRED CUISINE BY ROCKY MOUNTAINEER**

**Ingredients**

- 1 bottle merlot
- 3 pieces pappadum
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) vegetable oil
- 1 kg (2 lb) short ribs, trimmed
- Sea salt, to taste
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) black peppercorns, crushed
- 2 carrots
- 2 celery stalks
- 1 leek
- 10 garlic cloves, crushed
- 8 shallots, trimmed and split
- 6 sprigs Italian parsley
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 2 bay leaves
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) tomato paste
- 2 l (8 cups) beef stock, unsalted
- Ground white pepper, to taste

Kory Sheets has rushed for at least 130 yards in each of the Riders' five wins to start 2013. GEOFF ROBINS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Sheets too good in July for CFL to deny

**CFL.** Riders rusher's record-setting pace results in top offensive honours for first month

Kory Sheets of the Saskatchewan Roughriders, Kyries Hebert of the Montreal Alouettes, and Rene Paredes and Jon Cornish of the Calgary Stampeders have been named the CFL players of the month for July.

Sheets took home offensive player of the month honours after rushing for 712 yards and scoring four touchdowns. The running back has rushed for at least 130 yards in each of the undefeated Roughriders' first five games and is on pace to surpass Mike Pringle's all-time CFL rushing record of 2,065 yards.

Montreal linebacker Hebert, the league leader in sacks, was named defensive player of the month. Hebert has seven sacks so far this season and is second on the Alouettes in tackles with 31.

July's special-teams player went to Stampeders kicker Paredes, who has been a perfect 16-for-16 in field goals this season. Through the first month of the season, Paredes leads kickers with 62 points.

Cornish was named the league's Canadian player of the month. The Stampeders running back has rushed for 501 yards and three touchdowns this season, while also racking up 137 receiving yards and a touchdown.

The New Westminster, B.C., native is second to Sheets in rushing.

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CFL

## CFLPA applying for judicial review in Williams case

The Chris Williams saga is heading to court.

On Thursday, the CFL Players' Association announced it is applying for a judicial review of an arbitrator's decision that the Hamilton Tiger-Cats receiver's contract was binding.

Williams, the CFL's top special-teams player in 2012, went to arbitration requesting to be released from the final year of his deal reportedly so he could pursue NFL offers.

On June 5, an arbitrator ruled the Ticats violated the collective bargaining agreement by negotiating with an unregistered agent. However, the decision resulted in a fine and not the termination of the contract.

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Chris Williams has yet to report to the Ticats this season

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CFL

**"We feel like Justin will give us a better chance for week-in-and-week-out continuity."**

**Winnipeg coach Tim Burke,** who announced Thursday that the Blue Bombers will go with Justin Goltz as their starting QB instead of Buck Pierce.

# Alouettes decide Hawkins can't hack it

Jim Popp will step into the Als' head-coaching role for the third time in his 18-year tenure as Montreal's general manager. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Dan Hawkins era lasted only five games in Montreal.

The Alouettes, who have struggled to a 2-3 start this season, announced Thursday that Hawkins had been fired.

Jim Popp steps in as head coach for the third time in his 18 years as general manager of the club.

The offence, which was Montreal's strength under former coach Marc Trestman, looked disorganized and lifeless under Hawkins, who was coaching a professional team for the first time in his career.

**On to the NFL**

**Marc Trestman, who won two Grey Cups in five years with the Als, left in the off-season to coach the Chicago Bears.**

Owner Bob Wetenhall asked Popp to step in.

"Jim is the person most responsible for the success we have had over all these years," Wetenhall said in a statement. "I feel confident that he is the best person to coach our team at this time and I am very appreciative of him being willing to make this additional contribution to our franchise.

"He has the respect of our players as well as mine."

Popp said that offensive coordinator Mike Miller will be asked to stay on the coaching staff in a reduced capacity and that Doug Berry would now run the offence, though without the title of offensive co-ordinator. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
Try to take things at a more reasonable pace. The more you relax and let life come to you, the more you will enjoy the day and the more likely it is love, in some form, will come your way.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
You have more in common with someone than you realize and what happens over the next 24 hours will prove it. Make an effort to get to know them and you will soon be firm friends — and maybe more.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
What is right for you may not be right for someone else, so don't try to stop a loved one doing something you don't agree with. It takes all kinds to make a world — that's what makes it so interesting.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
What friends and lovers are looking for from you is understanding. Can you give it to them? Open your ears and listen to their problems — then open your heart and do something about them.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
Stand back from what you are doing and make sure you have not strayed away from your original intentions. A few minor adjustments now makes it less likely you will have to make major adjustments later on.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
Don't try too hard today. The planets suggest that the less you put in, the more you will get out. Why struggle when you don't have to?

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
With Venus, your ruler, moving through the most sensitive area of your chart, you may not be able to express yourself as easily as usual but that does not mean you love less. Make sure loved ones know that.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
Today's Venus-Mars link will endow you with so much passion you may have a hard time deciding how to put it all to good use. Do whatever takes your fancy. Just act.

### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
Focus on what gives you pleasure today rather than on what you think others expect. If you get the chance to mix business and pleasure, that's great but don't think you have to put money and career first.

### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
You can't put a foot wrong at the moment and today's Venus-Mars link will smooth your path more. Relationships are under great influences. Let the object of your affection know how in love you are.

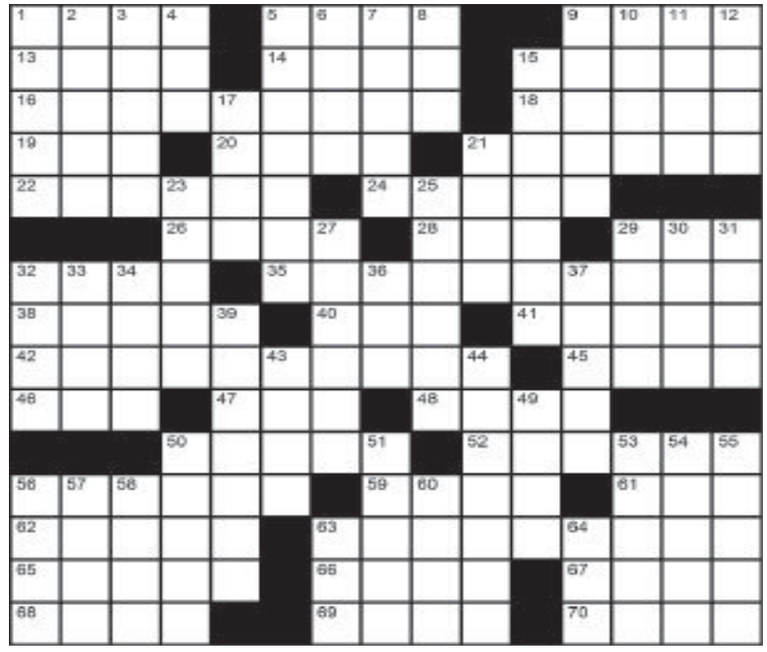
### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
There is nothing you can't do, nothing that cannot be made to work. The only danger is that with so many options available you may spend more time thinking than acting. Choose a goal, then go for it.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
You're on the right wavelength with partners and loved ones at the moment and that means all things are possible – if you work together. SALLY BROMPTON

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



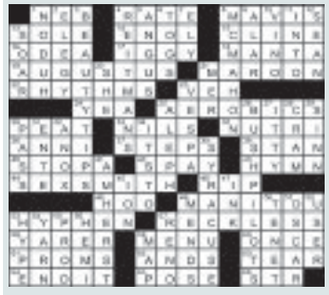
**Across**

1. Luba hit: "Let __ __"
5. Trim
9. Tepid
13. Fertilizer ingredient
14. Formally give up
15. Comedian Mr. Rock
16. Altona, MB: 'The __ Capital of Canada'
18. Originating in Toronto, it's Canada's longest street
19. 'Ballad' suffix
20. Speck
21. "Romantic Traffic" band from Burlington, ON
22. Didn't have a nightmare
24. Type of cliff
26. Abound
28. "Get movin'!"
29. Except...
32. Soup's holder
35. Mountain community in British Columbia
38. Leading
40. Clamour
41. Sandals and sneakers
42. New Westminster, BC is home to the world's largest what?: 2 wds.
45. Research facil.
46. Landscaper's roll
47. Actress Gretchen
48. Partners of '-hoos!'
50. "Glee" actress Ms. Riley
52. TV series, "The _ __"
56. Does Brazilian-style dancing
59. Actor, Idris __
61. Santa __, California
62. Cupcake component
63. Villain
65. Deuce-ace
66. Rapunzel's pride
67. Highest point
68. Clairvoyant
69. __-daisy!
70. What-fors?

**Down**

1. Gotye song: "Somebody That _ __ to Know"
2. More believable
3. Category
4. Lummox
5. Justin Bieber's manager, __ Braun
6. Grown-up eft
7. Notions
8. For every
9. Salt-n-Pepa hit
10. Game show Howie Mandel hosted, "Deal __ __ Deal"
11. Leo, for one
12. Sugar suffixes
15. AB-SK's __ Hills Interprovincial Park
17. Citrus fruit
21. "__ on Sailor" by The Beach Boys
23. Bodybuilding legend Charles
25. Pre-Biden VP
27. Interfere
29. Benefit
30. Li'l pluckees
31. Try for a screen role
32. Frightening flappers
33. Cincinnati's state
34. Make one's way
36. Fancy 7
37. *NSync ballad, "__ _ Promise You"
39. Beau __ (Quebec band part of Canada Post's rock stamps collection)
43. High-arc tennis shots
44. Will Ferrell comedy, "A Night at the __" (1998)
49. "It's the end __ era.": 2 wds.
50. Classic comic strip, Li'l __
51. Summary
53. Northwest Territories' official tree, Tamarack __
54. Foe
55. Bargains
56. Takes a chair
57. Hurt
58. Soft muddy spot
60. Wife on FOX cartoon "Family Guy"
63. Moo __ pork (Takeout dish)
64. Stealing bird

### Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

**How to play**
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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### Yesterday's Sudoku

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